

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

No Plain Sailing

APPARENTLY the plan to integrate Malta and Britain constitutionally is not going to enjoy plain sailing. Several snags and doubts have cropped up since the round table commission presented its recommendations (accepted by the Premier, Mr. Mintoff) and their implementation may prove difficult.

Next weekend the people of Malta are due to vote on a referendum, the issue being to integrate or not to integrate with Britain. This alone has created considerable political strife in Malta. The Opposition declare on the one hand that the Governor acted ultra vires in fixing the dates for the referendum, and on the other that the great majority of Maltese will not even be able to appreciate what they are voting for.

There is no question but that the referendum will be conducted and little doubt despite the demand of the Nationalists' leader, Dr. Borg Olivier, for its boycott by the voters, that it will be given the support the government seeks. But the referendum merely serves as a popular expression of opinion as to the merits of the integration plan which lays the foundation for a new constitution. A more important issue has been raised by the British Liberal MP, Mr. Grimond, who questions whether agreements reached between the present imperial government and the government of Malta can be constitutionally binding on future British governments.

THE issue—though from a different approach—was originally raised by the Archbishop of Malta who desires guarantees that the Roman Catholic Church and its institutions in Malta will always be fully safeguarded under the integration plan. This poses a tricky constitutional problem, though Mr. Grimond is convinced there can be only one answer, namely that the existing British government cannot bind future governments to any such guarantee.

To Premier Mintoff the question is of prime importance. As one commentator has observed, the Roman Catholic church has always had the potential to be Mr. Mintoff's most dangerous opponents, and if the archbishop cannot obtain what he regards to be satisfactory safeguards for his church and its historical privileges, the support which Malta's Catholics have to date given to the integration proposals may be withdrawn. The life of Mr. Mintoff's government would immediately be endangered.

THIS particular issue is further complicated by the Anglican reaction to the archbishop's request. They demand that the new constitution should also safeguard the rights of Anglicans. Notably they insist upon the right, now denied them, to have a marriage to a Roman Catholic in the Anglican Cathedral recognised as valid.

All of this introduces fresh and unforeseen complications into the scheme for giving Malta a new constitutional status—problems which will not automatically be ironed out by the result of this week's referendum. It would indeed be regrettable if the integration proposals should founder on the intransigent demands of the Colony's churches, for this could set back for a long time any sort of essential constitutional reform for Malta. The Nationalists would immediately seize the opportunity for renewing their demands for independence, to which the British government cannot accede, and the whole question of Malta's future would become dark and confused.

BIG THREE PLAN FOR ACTION

Middle East Security Safeguards EDEN REVEALS DECISION TO COMBAT EMERGENCY

Ottawa, Feb. 6.

The Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden, told a joint session of the Canadian Parliament today that Britain and the United States were in agreement about "what to try to do to resolve the difficult and critical problems" of the Arab-Israeli dispute.

He said: "We arranged for discussion on the action to be taken to meet an emergency should it arise in the Middle East.

"The French Government have agreed to join us in this. "Personally, I am convinced that to make ready in this way is to reduce the risk of conflict."

Regarding the Buraimi Oasis dispute between Britain and Saudi Arabia, Sir Anthony told the joint session Britain was not prepared to return to arbitration in view of recent experiences of "bribery and corruption."

"On the other hand," Sir Anthony said, "as we made clear in Washington, we are ready to enter into direct discussion."

Sir Anthony, summing up his impression of his talks with President Eisenhower, declared: "There has never been so full a measure of agreement between our governments."

"In the whole field of European policy, there was no difference between us," he said.

KREMLIN TACTICS
"You will have noticed the attempts by the Kremlin to obscure the issues and confuse our councils. In fact, they only provided an opportunity to underline the unity between the United States and ourselves," the Prime Minister said.

"Much of our meeting was devoted to the difficult and critical problems of the Middle East. Here, too, we were in agreement that the first danger was the continuing Arab-Israeli dispute.

"We were also in agreement as to what we should do to try to resolve it," he said.

Both sides of the House of Commons and the public galleries were packed for this, the second time in his life that Sir Anthony had addressed both houses of Parliament.

His speech was broadcast throughout Canada and was also televised.

SETTLEMENT BID
The Prime Minister said it had been decided that the necessary treatment of the troubles in the Middle East should be of three kinds.

★ To work without publicity and by every means to bring about a settlement in that area.

"This can only be realised if both sides are prepared to reconcile the positions they have taken up to now," he said.

"That means a compromise." "Some people tell me that compromise is a terrible English habit. However, some might learn from it to their advantage in the world."

"But we can both help and are ready to do so, for example, by financial help to settle the refugee problem and by a guarantee of the agreed frontiers."

"This again we welcome and here again our views are alike," he said.

"The pact has economic purposes and aims which fully match its military provisions and implications," he said.

"We have considered the kind of help which each member country needs, and we are determined to make a success of the pact. All this does not exclude some help to other countries in the area. An example is Jordan, to whom we shall continue to make substantial payments under our treaty."

Regarding the declaration of Washington which President Eisenhower and the Prime Minister signed last week setting out the principles which guide the free world, Sir Anthony Eden said: "Some say that these have been stated before. Maybe, but it does no harm to state them again in a manner which makes it clear that we are aware of the modern Communist challenge. The declaration of Washington is, in fact a charter to which the whole of the free world can subscribe."

The Prime Minister drew up a "balance sheet" of good and evil facing the world.

Sir Anthony said the steady Western efforts to raise the standard of living for all free peoples must take time.

"It is easier," he added, "to spread hatred than to make two blades of grass grow where one grew before."

'ECONOMIC WEAPONS'
"It is with this balance of good and evil in mind that we have to prepare ourselves. Economic weapons may take the place of military ones, but always our purpose must be the same—to maintain the right that men's minds may be free and the care that their bodies be fitted."

"To achieve this free nations like free men must draw and hold together."

The Prime Minister declared that Anglo-Canadian relations were "a model to the world." He praised the service which Canada was giving as a member of the International Commission now in Indo-China.

"By this action alone," he said, "you made possible an armistice which may become a peace. I salute this great Canadian, commanding in opportunity, a standard bearer in loyalty, and a herald of goodwill," he said.—Reuter.

EDEN'S BALANCE SHEET

Good

- ★ Commonwealth unity
- ★ "Unshakable strength" of Anglo-American alliance
- ★ growing Western European unity
- ★ deterrent power of H-bomb
- ★ Western understanding of Communist penetration threat

Evil

- ★ "Increasing hazards some are prepared to take"
- ★ danger of aggression by countries that ignore the deterrent
- ★ local disputes with possible world-wide consequences
- ★ Communist bid to incite anti-Western hatred.

Malta Plan May Be Upset

London, Feb. 6.

The Liberal Chief Whip, Mr. Joseph Grimond is going to ask the question that could sink the plan to integrate Malta with Britain.

He will ask the Colonial Secretary in the House of Commons whether the Government "will make it clear to all individuals and parties concerned with the future of Malta that no British Government can bind its successors."

In an interview today he explained the significance of his question.

If he is right in his constitutional interpretation it means that the Archbishop of Malta, who is asking for explicit guarantees that no British Government will ever interfere with the position of the Roman Catholic Church in Malta is "asking for the impossible."

The Archbishop has made it plain that he does not doubt the intentions of the present British Government. What he wants is an assurance that

future Governments will be bound by whatever agreement is made now.

Mr. Grimond points out that the idea contradicts "the whole basis of our system of government."

And constitutional experts are agreed tonight that he is absolutely right.

At the moment it appears that the fate of the integration plan depends more than anything else on the attitude of the Archbishop. And he has made it clear that he must oppose integration unless he can get an ironclad guarantee. He has insisted that protestations of good faith are not enough. Politicians may change their minds in times to come.—London Express Service.

42 mph Too Fast For Test Pilot

Guildford, Feb. 6.
Acc test pilot, Neville Duke, who once held a world "jet" speed record of 727 miles an hour, was fined 22 today for driving at 42 miles an hour in a car.—United Press.

Arms Embargo Ends

Ottawa, Feb. 6.
Canada has lifted its embargo on the shipments of arms to the Middle East, the Prime Minister M. Louis St. Laurent announced today.

Antarctic Search For Lost Plane

Antarctica, Feb. 6.
The U.S. Navy and the British, silent cold of the Antarctic found a plane today for the lives of seven men.

The men "have been missing since their Navy "Other" plane disappeared last Friday.

Sudan Admission To UN Approved BUT NO SEAT FOR JAPAN

New York, Feb. 6.

The Security Council today cleared the way for Sudan's admission to the United Nations at the next General Assembly.

Later, Western delegates repeated their appeal for Japan's entry.

The Soviet Union in reply stood firm on its attitude that Japan could not be admitted unless the Communist Outer Mongolia was approved as well.

Mr. Arkady Sobolev, the Soviet representative and President of the Council this month, declared that only the Nationalist veto of Outer Mongolia had prevented Japan's admission.

EXPERTS REJECT BALLOON CHARGE

Washington, Feb. 6.

High altitude balloon and rocket experts today described as unbelievable Soviet charges that the U.S. was sending balloon-borne cameras over Russia.

One said "in the present state of the art, it would be entirely impractical" to try to get pictures of Russia in the way described by the Russians.

Eventually, he said, television may be perfected to the point where a TV-equipped satellite could keep the entire globe under surveillance, but he said it was not now.

He said the U.S. had sent TV cameras aloft by rocket with "disappointing results." The equipment was extremely complex and costly and the pictures weren't very good.

In any case, he said, TV equipment now available could transmit pictures only about 150 miles. And at the high altitudes required, the pictures would be "very poor."

The Big Problem

Balloon photography of Russia could succeed only if the equipment were recovered "on the other side." That would involve advance knowledge of the balloons' path—knowledge which is not available.

To recover even a small fraction of the number of cameras launched would require the stationing of ships up and down the Western Pacific and the Arctic Ocean. Even then, many cameras would have to be put in the air to assure recovery of even one.

Since free balloons cannot be directed but go only where the winds take them, the prospect of getting any large panoptic photographs of Soviet territory would be dim.

Occasional successes, out of many failures, have been achieved with cameras aboard high-altitude jets in the U.S. But in all such cases "you do have to recover the equipment,"—United Press.

Couldn't Get It Back

New York, Feb. 6.
Doctors recovered a table knife from the stomach of John Werra who swallowed it while entertaining at a party.

His condition was reported "fairly good."

China Mail Special.

Dock Strike Ending?

Melbourne, Feb. 6.
There were definite signs today that the 15-day-old Australian dock strike may be called off tomorrow.

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'OUT OF ORDER'
But since references were made and these touched on the Soviet Union's attitude to Japan he exercised the "right to reply."

"The Soviet Union is prepared to consider the question of admission of Japan and Outer Mongolia if members of the Council feel that the difficulties prevented the successful conclusion of this item in the past have been eliminated," he said.

He said the "Kuomintang" veto of Outer Mongolia has been against the wishes of an overwhelming majority of the General Assembly.

'NO OBSTACLES'

The example of Sudan unanimously approved by the Council after the Soviet Union associated itself with the Western resolution calling for its admission showed that if all members sought "guidance in the principle of universality we meet with no obstacles."

But if a policy of favouring some countries and discriminating against others continued in the future difficulties would arise and the U.N. Charter would be "unnecessarily violated," Mr. Sobolev said.

Earlier Sir Pierson Dixon, the British delegate, said Britain would "lend our best endeavours to seek admission of that great country, Japan."—Reuter.

VAIN AIR SEARCH FOR MYSTERY SUBMARINE

London, Feb. 6.

A New Zealand Air Force seaplane scouring the Pacific has failed to discover the hideout of a mysterious submarine reported at intervals among the Fiji islands by passing ships.

A New Zealand High Commission spokesman said today. Reports of the submarine's appearance follow the mysterious disappearance of 25 people on board the island yacht Joyita, found derelict last October. Last week a 40-ton ketch Arakurimo disappeared between two islands in the Gilbert group.

London newspapers suggest that the submarine is based on an isolated and uninhabited Pacific island and is manned by a pirate crew.

Another guess put forward is that the ship is an atom-powered Soviet submarine "on a spying mission to find out about American hydrogen bomb explosions."

The Admiralty stated, however, it had received no reports to this effect from the British Pacific Fleet with headquarters at Hongkong.—France-Press.

Fishermen Freed

Oslo, Feb. 6.
The Norwegian government tonight released the crews of 16 Soviet fishing boats detained for illegally entering Norwegian territorial waters.—France-Press.

Bulgaria For Paris

Paris, Feb. 6.
The French Government is considering inviting Soviet Premier Marshal Nikolai Bulganin to Paris, high sources said today.—United Press.

Three Die In Crash

Baghdad, Feb. 6.
A plane, caught in a heavy sandstorm, crashed today near Habbaniya, killing the pilot and two American passengers.—United Press.

ADMIRAL HARDY DISPUTE

HK Ship's Crew Refuse To Sail To Red China

Tokyo, Feb. 7.

Kyodo news agency reported today that Chinese crew members of the Hongkong chartered freighter Admiral Hardy had refused to obey an order to sail to Communist China.

The ship is now lying in a Southern Honshu port.

The Japanese agents for the vessel, the Kobe Petroleum Company, denied however that there was any trouble. The Kobe head office said the Admiral Hardy would leave as scheduled for Tientsin "later this week."

"It will take two or three days more to unload the ship," said a spokesman.

The 1,929-ton cargo ship, chartered by the Nanyang Steamships and Enterprises Ltd. of Hongkong, is anchored in the steel port of Hirohata unloading steel scrap.

'LAST-MINUTE SWITCH'
Kyodo said, the crew refused to man the ship when Captain J.E. Meyer announced a last-minute switch in destination from Bangkok to Tientsin.

The Admiral Hardy arrived at Hirohata from Borneo last Thursday to unload a cargo of steel scrap.

Some of the Chinese crew, including firemen and seamen, refused to go to China. They said they would be seized by the Communist authorities.

Thirty-eight of the ship's 45 crew members are Chinese and most of them refused to sail to China.—France-Press.

DIFFICULTIES ADMITTED
Negotiations are being conducted between representatives of the ship's Norwegian owners and members of the Admiral Hardy's Chinese crew to smooth out difficulties to enable the ship to sail for mainland China, an official of Wallmen and Company, the ship's agents, in Hongkong, said today.

He said he thought it would not be necessary to send a new crew to Japan.

The Admiral Hardy was formerly a British-registered vessel owned by the Stanley Steamship Company of Hongkong. She was acquired by Norwegian interests last November.

Food Demonstration

Khartoum, Feb. 6.
Police hurled tear gas bombs yesterday to break up a demonstration near Parliament by a group of unemployed Sudanese shouting, "We want food and clothing." Five hundred demonstrators were on their way to present a petition to the Premier.—United Press.

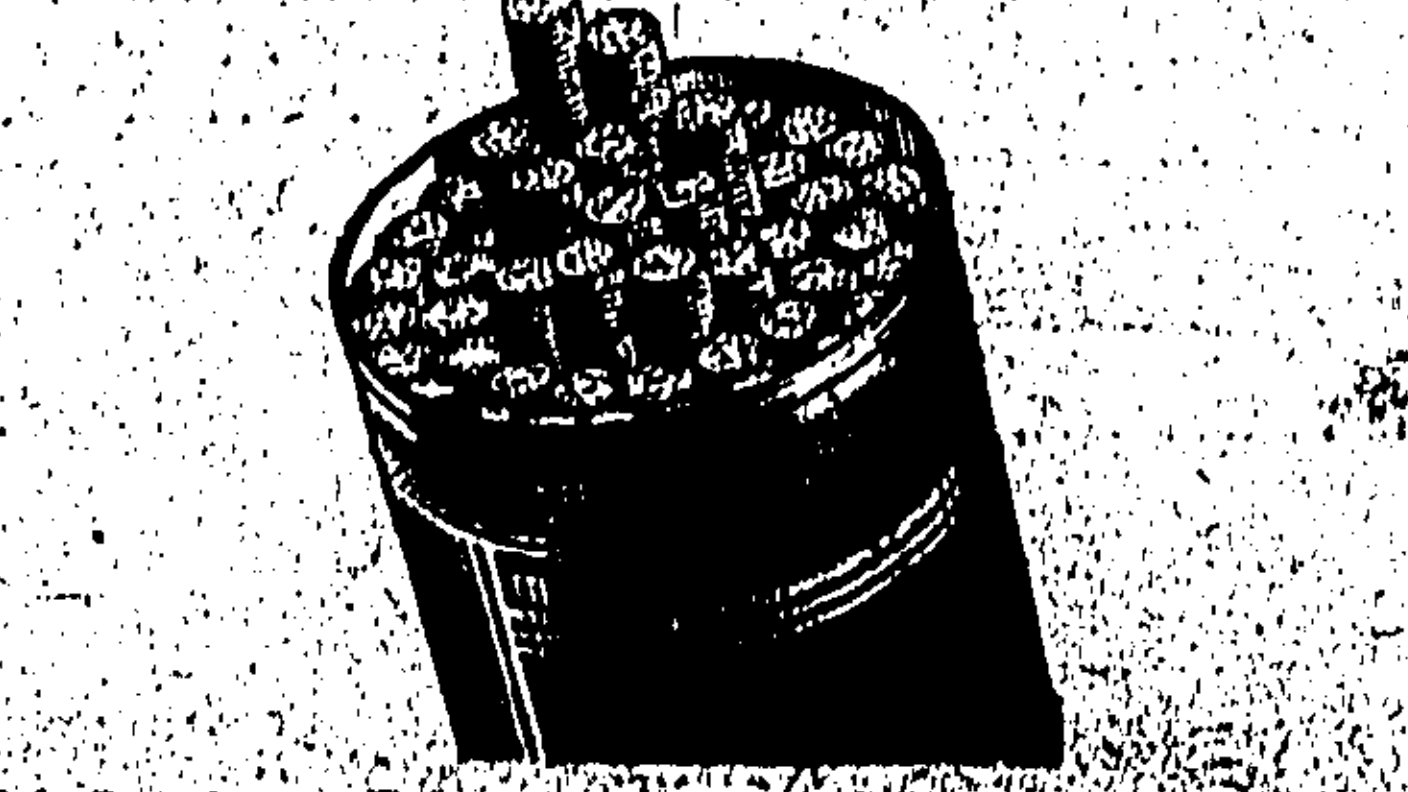
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WEST INDIES FEDERATION Conference Opens Today In London

London, Feb. 6.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd, launches a conference here tomorrow aimed at welding British Colonies in the West Indies into a single federal unit.

Delegates from islands in the West Indies, as distant from each other as London is from Moscow, are gathering for the conference which will shape the political future of the British West Indies.

They came from Jamaica, Barbados, Trinidad, the Leeward Islands and the Windward Islands.

Already Agreed

Included are representatives from Saint Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla, Montserrat, Dominica, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent, Grenada and Tobago.

These scattered islands and Jamaica, Barbados and Trinidad already have agreed to form a British Caribbean federation.

The conference will leave the way open for the two mainland British territories of British Guiana and British Honduras to join the federation later should they wish to do so. So far, these two colonies and the Bahamas have decided to stay out. All three have sent observers to the London conference.

According to some visiting representatives, notably Jamaican Chief Minister Norman Manley, the conference should reach "final decisions" on the political future of the British West Indies.

Less Optimistic

"I believe that as every Caribbean territory has achieved self-government or is about to achieve it, the federal territory should start immediately on the basis of self-government," Manley said.

Other representatives like Grantley Adams of Barbados and Albert Gomes of Trinidad were less optimistic but they all expressed the belief that the conference would "end in success."

British officials were more restrained in their assessment of the probable results of the conference.

The Colonial Office has issued the reports of three commissioners who last year submitted their views on the judicial, civil service and fiscal aspects of federating the scattered islands.

Selection of Capital

It was expected that these reports which would form the agenda for the conference would provide plenty of controversial issues, particularly when the delegates got down to discussing just how much an independent federation would cost in hard cash.

One of the most difficult questions, British officials believe, would be the selection of a federation capital. But it was conceded that a wholly self-governing dominion within the British Commonwealth was the aim of the conference, whose first task would be to make the West Indies federation a reality. —United Press.

Red Officials Fired

Moscow, Feb. 6.
The Karelo-Finnish Republic today fired six high state officials, it was disclosed today. No reasons for the dismissals were given.

The officials were the Vice-Premier, the Minister of Industrial Construction, T.F. Baitkin, Vice-Chairman of the Supreme Soviet, Ivan Petrov, two members of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, A.N. Yegorov and V.Y. Kopylov, and Supreme Court Judge Alexandra Malyskova (a woman).

(The Karelo-Finnish Republic consists of the Russian province of Karelia and the territory which Finland ceded to the Soviet Union after the Soviet-Finnish war in 1940). —United Press.

Bad Weather Stops Search For Plane

Wellington, Feb. 6.

Bad weather turned back two planes today which tried to fly 400 miles from the American expedition's base at McMurdo Sound to search for another aircraft missing in the South Polar mountains with seven men aboard.

The single-engine Otter, from the American expedition "Deep Freeze," has been missing since Friday on a flight between Little America and Marie Byrd Land.

Rear-Admiral Dufek, commander of the American Task Force 45, has ordered two American Skymaster aircraft and an Albatross to stand by at the Royal New Zealand Air Force station at Wigram near Christchurch to join the search if needed.

Full Speed

Admiral Dufek is on board the ice breaker East Wind, en route at full speed from McMurdo Sound with another Otter aircraft to join the search.

The missing Otter is believed to have come down in the middle of 4,000-foot high ice-covered mountain ranges. Those aboard were all fitted with survival gear. —China Mail Special.

Brisbane, Feb. 6.

A tree snake blacked out 14 Brisbane suburbs by crawling on to a power-house transformer and causing a short circuit.

It was the last thing it did. The 19,000-volt shock killed the snake instantly. —China Mail Special.



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Romance For Duke Of Kent?



Romance rumours have circulated about Britain's Duke of Kent, currently on a two-week skiing holiday in Switzerland, after he publicly planted a big kiss on the cheek of girl friend Miss Jane Sheffield when he was met by her in Zurich recently. Miss Sheffield is 20, halls from Whitechurch, Hampshire. She is pictured with the Duke. —Express Photo.

SOVIET-JAPAN PEACE TREATY

Clause By Clause Examination

London, Feb. 7.

Japanese and Soviet envoys negotiating a peace treaty between their two countries were today holding the 19th business session of their private talks begun here on June 1 last.

Well-informed sources said that at today's meeting at the Soviet Embassy the principal negotiators, Mr Shunishi Matsumoto of Japan, and Mr Jakob Malik, Soviet Ambassador to Britain, would continue their clause by clause examination of draft peace treaty texts.

The sources said that the main issues still to be settled include: the repatriation of Japanese nationals held in the Soviet Union, the territorial problem, navigation rights through the four straits leading into the Sea of Japan, Soviet support for Japan's admission to the United Nations, non-intervention in each other's internal affairs, and economic questions.

Most Controversial

The most controversial of these is thought to be the future of Japanese territories occupied by the Soviet Union towards the end of the last war.

The sources said that both Mr Matsumoto and Mr Malik have since the talks resumed on January 17 after nearly four months of adjournment been trying to narrow the wide gulf between the two countries on how to settle outstanding Russo-Japanese problems.

In their examination of the draft texts they have first been taking up the points which are the least controversial and for the time being leaving aside the most difficult issues. Thus they hope to narrow their differences as much as possible before tackling crucial questions such as the territories.

13 Clauses

Both the delegations submitted a draft peace treaty text at the outset of the protracted negotiations. Each draft is understood to contain a preamble and 13 clauses. —Reuter.

Europeans Pick Up Malay

Kuala Lumpur, Feb. 6.

Europeans in Malaya speak better Malay than Chinese, Indians and some Malays, according to Inche Mohamed Selangor's Assistant Inspector of Schools.

He told a meeting here that the reason was that Europeans generally had a tutor instead of "picking up" the language. —China Mail Special.

Franco-German Conference

Paris, Feb. 6.

France and West Germany are to discuss outstanding problems in talks beginning on February 20, it was officially announced here tonight.

The foreign ministers of the two countries will meet in Paris to agree to an agenda for their experts to work on for each question and in particular for the Saar, it was stated. —France-Press.

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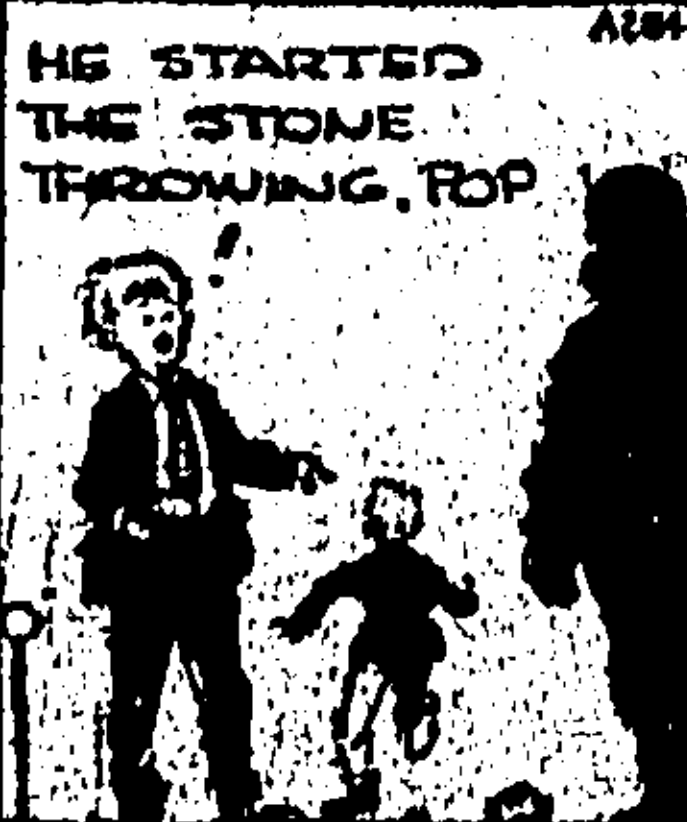
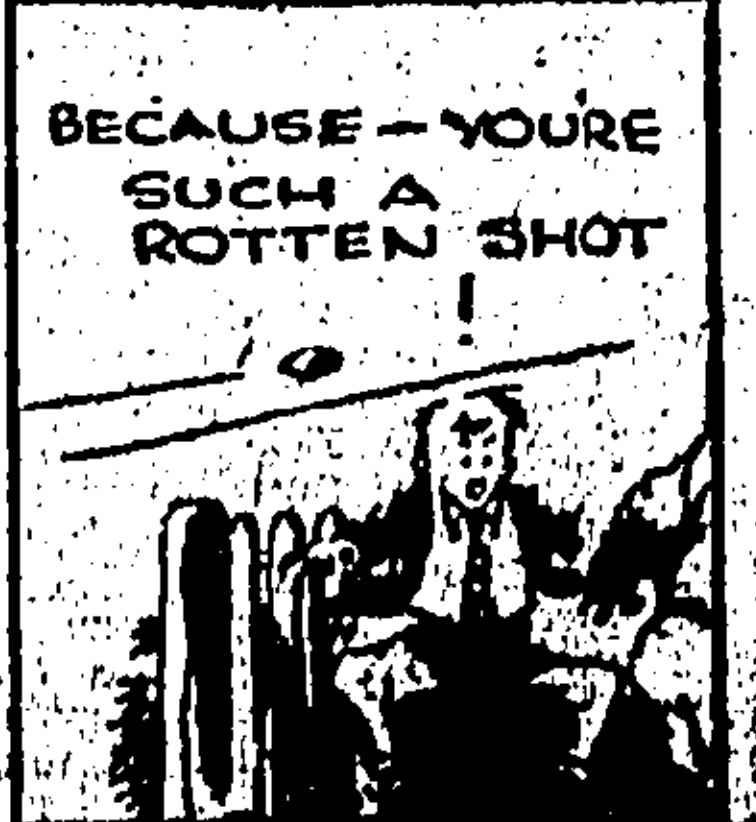
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Charlie Chaplin shown arriving at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields Church, in London, for the memorial service for Sir Alexander Korda.—Central Press Photo.

TRADERS WANT TOO MUCH

Singapore, Feb. 6. A DWINDLING market for Chinese goods in Singapore after the 1955 boom highlighted the difficulties of trading with China, according to an editorial in the influential Nanyang Siang Pau, biggest Chinese newspaper in Malaya, today.

The editorial blamed local importers for failing to investigate sources of supply or understand the market here and for looking for too big a profit.

However, Chinese exporters had blamed trade because "they think only of pushing sales abroad to gain foreign exchange," the paper said.

There was still a bright future in the trade because of the "temporary" love of overseas Chinese for goods from their own country, Nanyang added, but it warned: "such a love will not last long unless properly dealt with."

The goods imported, the editorial said, included sewing machines, canned goods, beer and cigarettes.

Local importers made the mistake of importing too much and looking for too high a profit margin, the paper said. By the time all shipments arrived, they totalled "an unbelievable quantity which exceeded the demand and became very difficult to sell."

This Modern Age

Wellington, Feb. 6. Cattle at refrigeration works at Hawkes Bay ignored passing lorries and tractors, but panicked when a man rode up on a horse.

Their owner said they had never seen a man on horse before but were quite familiar with trains, cars and aeroplanes.—China Mail Special.

German Unification Talks Without Publicity

FOREIGN MINISTER SEEKS SOLUTION

Washington, Feb. 6.

Dr Henrich von Brentano, West German Foreign Minister, today called for new East-West negotiations on German unification without the publicity spotlight of recent conferences.

Dr von Brentano expressed belief that all nations, including Russia, agree that a "solution of the German question" is needed to bring a "really stable order of peace" to Europe.

"And for that reason," he said, "new negotiations will be needed that, in my view, should be prepared through diplomatic channels."

Dr von Brentano gave his views in a copyrighted interview in Bonn, with the US News and World Report, a weekly news magazine published here.

Worthwhile

Reminded that the Soviet Premier, Nikolai Bulganin, recently expressed hope for another four-power conference on Germany, Dr von Brentano was asked if he favoured such a meeting of Foreign Ministers or chiefs of State of Britain, France, Russia and the United States.

"In view of the way the previous conferences at Berlin and Geneva were run," he replied, "it would be at least worthwhile considering whether another procedure would not be preferable. I believe the excessive publicity at those conferences impeded possible success."

Dr von Brentano said he did not believe West Germany would "ever" offer to withdraw from the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation in a bid to win Russian agreement to unification of East and West Germany under free elections.

Political Mortgage

"It looks to me too primitive and does not conform to reality," he said.

He added that proposals on European security by the Western powers all had "proceeded from the freedom of decision of all Germany." Dr von Brentano declared that neither the West German Federal government nor a foreign government could "dictate a certain decision to an all-German government."

"Such a procedure would put a political mortgage on reunified Germany that... would result necessarily in creating... a psychologically understandable but politically dangerous revisionism," he said.

By "revisionism," he explained, he meant that any all-German government would feel "encumbered and limited in their free decision by a preliminary decision taken without their active participation."

"Inevitably," he added, "they would want to free themselves from such ties and obligations. Reunited Germany will want to decide its place in the world in freedom."

Dr von Brentano said West Germany's establishment of diplomatic relations with Russia "by no means signifies the normalisation of relations" between the two countries.

He said there could be no move toward "normalisation" until Russia "faces a free, all-German government."

Worldwide Tensions

Dr von Brentano said West Germany "has no intention of starting trade-treaty negotiations with the Soviet Union."

He said present Western embargo controls on shipments to Russia, which would block such a treaty, were due to "worldwide tensions" which must be done away with before a sensible and mutually profitable exchange of goods can be arranged.—United Press.

80 FIGHT OVER DONKEY

Athens, Feb. 6. Forty gipsies and the same number of shepherds fought a fierce battle with sticks and missiles over ownership of a donkey at Agrinion, western Greece.

There were many injuries before gendarmes broke up the fighting.

The gipsies claimed the donkey was theirs and had strayed on the property of one of the shepherds. A shepherd said the donkey was his.

The result of the battle was indecisive and one of the worst sufferers was the innocent donkey. It was nearly blameworthy by the gipsies pulling its legs from one side and the shepherds from the other.—China Mail Special.

Children Have Own Bar

East London, Feb. 6. The first hotel bar in South Africa to admit only children has just been opened.

An East London hotel proprietor says that it has solved the problem of how to entertain children while their parents are in public rooms which are out of bounds to them.

The bar is called a "kinder-bar." It has a barmaid, who serves soft drinks.—China Mail Special.

BOOM IN CAT SKINS

Lisbon, Feb. 6. Lisbon municipality which disposes of some 6,000 stray dogs and cats each year, is profiting from a boom in the price of the skins, now more than double that of a year ago.

A cat's skin now fetches 2,800 escudos (approximately halfpenny). Stray animals are collected from the streets and sent to a factory.—China Mail Special.

Iron Curtain Treaties Signed



Future Of Vietnam Commission Under Discussion

London, Feb. 6.

The future of the International Supervisory Commission for Vietnam has been under intensive study in recent weeks in exchanges among the British, Indian and Canadian governments, diplomatic quarters said here today.

The commission, set up by the 1954 Geneva conference on Indo-China to supervise the armistice and subsequent political settlement, is composed of representatives of India, Canada and Poland under an Indian chairman.

Members of the commission recently served notice in their fourth interim report that non-co-operation by the authorities in North and South Vietnam and non-fulfilment of the terms of the political settlement foreseen in Geneva were prejudicing the commission's work.

The issue now facing the governments forming the commission and the states, which were parties to the Geneva settlement, is whether the international supervisory machinery can usefully continue in being.

Under the Geneva armistice agreement, consultations were due to open between representatives of North and South Vietnam last July on the conduct of nation-wide elections to be held in July 1956.

Personal Discussion

These elections were to provide for reunion of Vietnam and a permanent political solution.

But the South Vietnam authorities have so far refused to take part in consultations and no preparations for elections have yet been made.

If these are not held, the three-power commission is faced with the prospect of continuing work indefinitely in increasingly difficult circumstances.

Views on the situation facing the commission are being transmitted to the British and Soviet governments, whose Foreign Ministers were co-chairmen of the Geneva conference on Indo-China following the circulation of the commission's latest report last December.

Diplomatic quarters here believe that the question may be discussed personally by the British Foreign Secretary Mr Selwyn Lloyd with Mr Nehru, Indian Prime Minister, when Mr Lloyd visits Delhi on his way to the SEATO conference on March 3.

Visit Cairo

Mr Lloyd is also likely to visit Cairo, Baghdad and Tehran on his journey to and from Karachi, where the SEATO Ministerial Council meets on March 6.—Reuter.

The Prague Conference of the Political Consultative Committee, established under the terms of the Warsaw Treaty of Friendship and Mutual Assistance between eight European states, opened recently. Picture shows Vaycheslav Molotov, Soviet First Vice-Chairman of the Council of Ministers and Georgi Zhukov, Marshal of the USSR, signing mutual assistance treaties.—Express Photo.

Singapore Should Freeze Land Values

Singapore, Feb. 6.

Dr J. F. N. Murray, Australian land valuation expert, today recommended in a report to the Singapore government rigid freezing of the colony's land values.

Problems of town planning and of averting disastrous increases in land values were more acute in Singapore than anywhere else in the world, Dr Murray said in his report.

He proposed that the "land freeze" should apply only to the value of land and not to buildings and other improvements which should be allowed to vary with the cost of building materials.

The services of Dr Murray, chairman of the Australian Land-Valuations Appeals Board, were made available to Singapore under the Colombo Plan. He finished his report in Sydney.—Reuter.

Training Journalists

Paris, Feb. 6.

The first international conference dealing exclusively with the problems of training journalists for newspaper, television news reel and radio work will meet here from April 9 to 13.

About 30 directors of schools of journalism, newspaper and news reel editors and radio and television specialists from more than 20 countries will take part. International professional associations will send observers.

Dr Luther Evans, American Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation has staged the conference as the first stage of a new project to assist and improve training for journalism.—China Mail Special.

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US Repeats Appeal For Japan's UN Membership

New York, Feb. 6.

The United States today repeated her appeal for Japan's early admission to the United Nations.

After the Security Council had voted on Sudan's membership application Mr Henry Cabot Lodge, United States permanent delegate, declared: "on such an auspicious occasion, we cannot forget that, as President Eisenhower said recently, 'grave injustices are still uncorrected'."

"I refer to the exclusion of Japan from the United Nations," Lodge said. "That nation, whose stature before the world is beyond dispute and which has contributed to the work of the specialised agencies and other bodies of the United Nations, clearly deserves full representation at the United Nations," Mr Lodge declared.

Righting Wrong

"The United Nations, in order to carry out its responsibilities, also needs the full participation of that important nation, which has demonstrated its devotion to the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter."

Mr Lodge said the United States would continue to work for the early admission of Japan and "the righting of a grave wrong."

"Today we have dealt with the application of Sudan in the way all applications should be dealt with," he said. "unconditionally, on their merits, and expeditiously. The United States hopes that the Security Council will continue to act in this way in the future."

A British resolution calling on the Security Council to recommend Japan's admission is still on the files. The council did not vote on it when it became clear that the Soviet Union would use the veto if there were a vote.

Foundered

While the Soviet Union is on record as acknowledging Japan's qualifications for UN membership, she wants formal entry kept in abeyance while peace treaty negotiations continue between herself and the Asian power.

Japan would have been admitted at the last General Assembly in an 18-nation package deal, but this foreshadowed when Nationalist China vetoed Communist Outer Mongolia, evoking Soviet vetoes of the free nations' applicants. Both Japan and Outer Mongolia were dropped from the subsequent successful 16-nation deal.—Reuter.

Soviet Arms For Yemen

London, Feb. 6.

A Soviet delegation has arrived in the Yemen to hold talks on barter trade between the two countries and on the "supply of arms" to the Yemen, Beirut radio said tonight.

The delegation headed a personal message from Marshal Bulganin, the Soviet Prime Minister, to Imam Ahmed, the King of the Yemen, the radio added.—Reuter.

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French Building Railway In Antarctic

Paris, Feb. 6.

Fourteen French Polar explorers are building the first railway in Adelle Land, French Antarctica, the French Polar Expedition's headquarters here said today.

The railway will be 150 metres long, and will link the improvised quay at Geology Point, Petrel Island, with the temporary base in which M. Paul Guillard and his 13 fellow explorers will spend the next 11 months.

It will help transport 350 tons of equipment from the quay to the base.

Settled In

The expedition's ship, Norsol, unloaded the equipment last month, supervised by veteran explorer Paul-Emile Victor, who returned to Paris yesterday.

M. Guillard and his men settled into a hut left behind by an earlier French expedition. They found food ready to eat, a stove ready to light, and a note propped against a vase of withered flowers.

They have already set up a small radio station on which they keep contact with Noumea, French Caledonia.—China Mail Special.

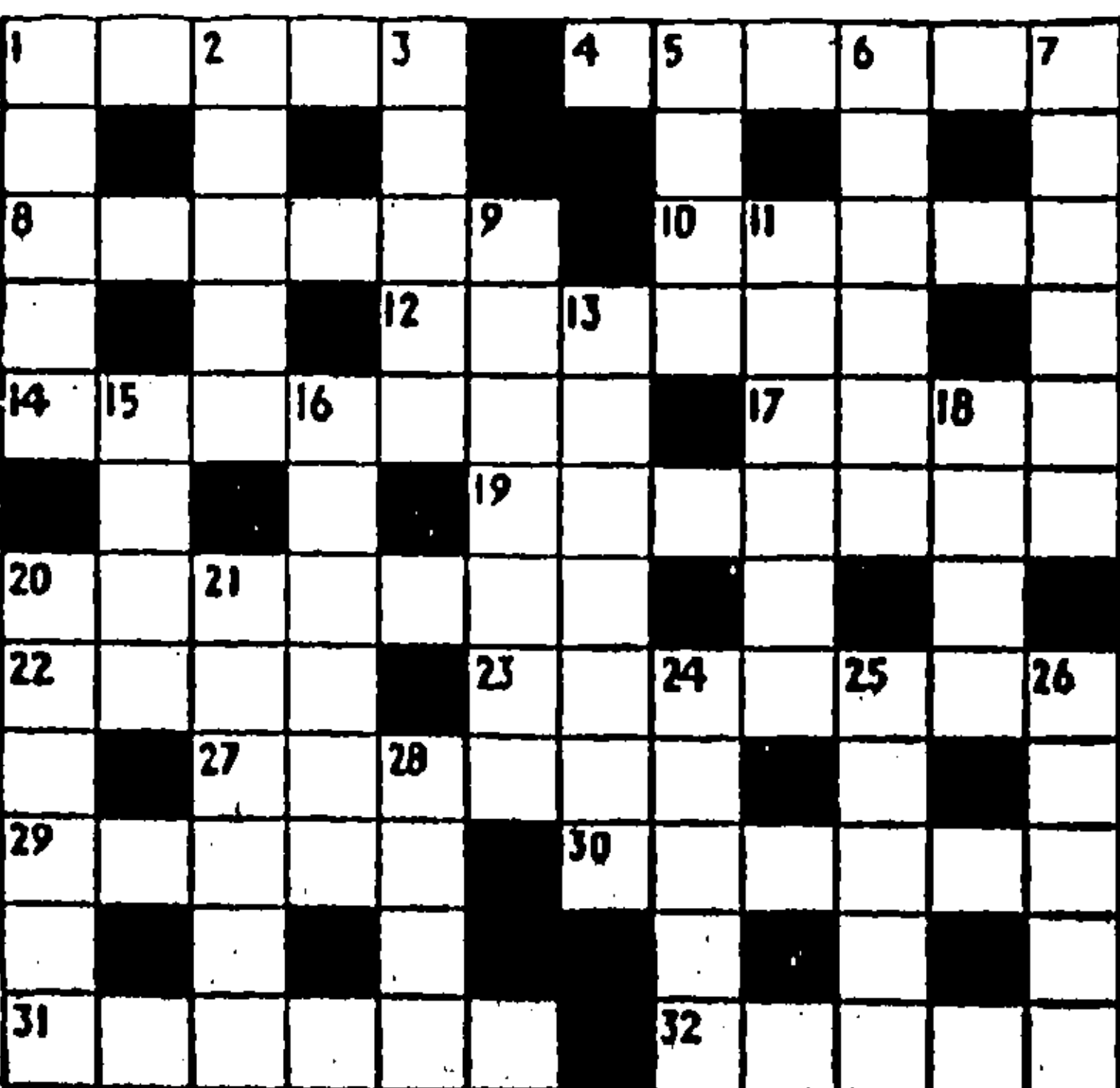
Neutrality Stressed By Prince

Phnompenh, Feb. 6. Prince Norodom Sihanouk, Cambodian Premier designate, reaffirmed and stressed Cambodia's strict neutrality today, when he returned here from a visit to Manila.

He said: "My welcome in Manila was more than royal, but I was asked to join the Manila pact on the pretext that Cambodia is a little country. I said no."

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A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Little (5).
 - Cavalryman (6).
 - Habit (6).
 - Vagrant (5).
 - Cycle (6).
 - Earnest (7).
 - Grant (4).
 - Encroached upon (7).
 - Lift up (7).
 - Withered (4).
 - One's most cherished possession (7).
 - Damsel (6).
 - Leaves out (5).
 - Scarf (5).
 - Abounded (6).
 - Produce (5).
- DOWN**
- Discharges (5).
 - Fire-raising (5).
 - Slack (5).
 - Means "against" (4).
 - Pursued (6).
 - Knocked (6).
 - Deserved (7).
 - Recollected (6).
 - Renovated (7).
 - Lazy (4).
 - Legal warning (6).
 - Consider (4).
 - Rethink (6).
 - Fur (6).
 - Fed (5).
 - Similes (5).
 - Mixture (5).
 - Island (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Strangle, 8 Lure, 9 Articles, 11 Departure, 12 Edge, 13 Competes, 18 Delanded, 19 Serf, 21 Assault, 22 Reverend, 23 Dope, 27 Mustangs, 28 Swift, 1 Glad, 2 Prop, 4 Tact, 5 Avid, 6 Guild, 7 Event, 9 Armad, 10 Tense, 12 Slope, 14 Inert, 16 Tense, 17 Salad, 18 Scrutin, 20 Bayes, 21 Arid, 22 Bang, 23 Lost, 24 Shed.

US Labour Leaders To Organise The Unorganised

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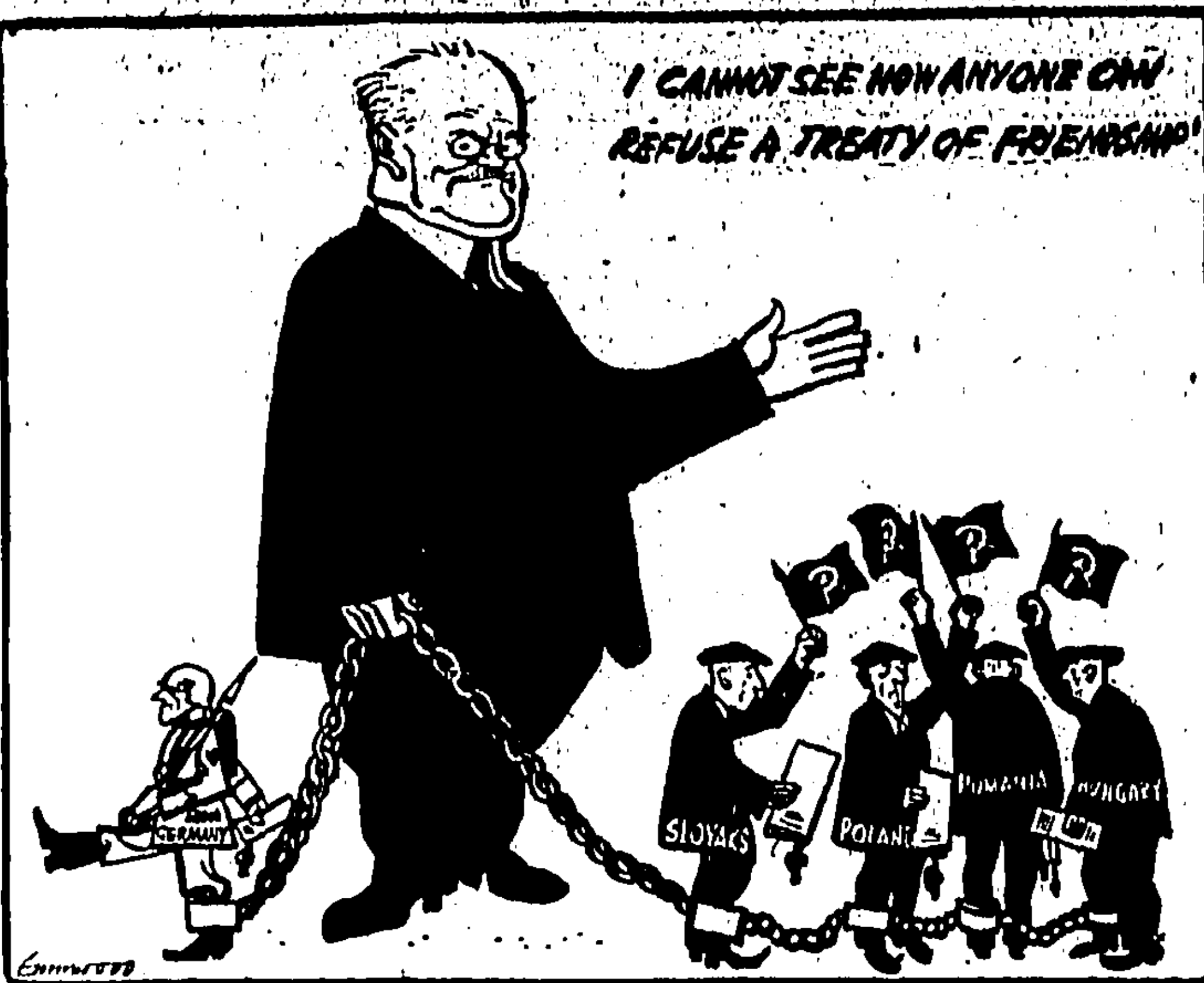
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"CRISIS city," some call it. To others Berlin is the "city of ten thousand spies." Still others find Berlin the city of "haute couture" (Berlin has become one of Europe's fashion centres) while madden aunts ask over Berlin's naughty night life.

Just what is Berlin like these tension-laden days? I flew to the city to learn first hand, and here is the Berlin I found.

It is difficult to grasp Berlin; more difficult probably than to grasp New York, London or Paris, for Berlin is not a beautiful city or full of historical monuments. Nor is Berlin one of those noble European centres bestowed with a long and glorious history for, when London and Paris were already centres of European culture and civilisation back in the 12th and 13th centuries, Berlin was still in obscurity somewhere in the Brandenburg woods and swamps, more a fishing village than a city.

Neither is Berlin a glamorous "city of lights" where your cares disappear.

What, then, is Berlin? As one Berliner puts it: "Our city is a way of life, a funny mixture of dry, realistic alertness, Bohemian lightness, hard work and common sense. All of these, plus a dash of quick—very quick—wit. It's like an extremely dry cocktail."

TENSIONS

AS our plane approaches Berlin and begins to lose speed and height, somewhere between the glittering chain of lakes and vast stretches of dark pine woods beings Berlin.

Looking out of the plane, it seems incredible that most of these lakes and woods are closed to Berliners—West Berliners that is, for beyond that white buoy, that slim pine, that left side of the innocent park lies taboo country.

Not surprisingly tensions abound in this divided city. No situation, however, finds the Berliner's wit unprepared. Thus he lovingly called the planes of the air-lift, "raisin-bombers."

Like no other, Berlin is essentially a political city. So much so, in fact, that hardly a facet of life is free of a political undertone. There is, for example, the "political cabinet" in which actors, writers and students join in commenting on all allowed (and forbidden) subjects.

One of these cabaret groups, symbolically christened "Die Insulaner" (The

Norman Lindhurst Revisits Berlin

Islanders), was a vital spiritual help for Berliners during blockade. It was the intellectual sister of the airlift that prevented Berlin's physical starvation in 1948 and 1949.

Today, the monthly broadcasts of the Islanders have become one of the most successful means of spreading Western thinking and Berlin-type optimism into Soviet-occupied East Germany.

MUSICAL

AT the same time Berlin has an extremely active musical life, and some of the most outstanding and progressive symphony orchestras and ballet ensembles in the world. So much so that workers' wives and schoolchildren often queue for a day for tickets for a performance of Yehudi Menuhin or the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra.

Typical of Berlin, too, are the art studios and smoky student hangouts, with bebop and fiery discussions on God, the world and freedom.

ONLY CATERWAULERS ARE CATERED FOR HERE

By J. WILKIE

OF all the gruesome noises which rend the silence of the midnight air and curdle the blood of the wakeful, I think the worst is the sound of fighting cats.

Cats by day may be delightful creatures—to those who like them. But I cannot imagine the most ardent lover of the feline species being able to smile when his or her sleep is broken by the cacophonous strains of their warfare.

To me, the nocturnal arguments of these cater-waulers typify the attitude of the breed. Everybody is asleep—so now is the time for cats to prove who is the champion among them.

ARROGANT

Legs stiff, tail vertical, back arched—and meow-ow-ow! Here we go, and may the best cat win!

Cats have many hours of daylight from which to select the time to settle their differences, but no, the peace of human beings must be disturbed. They are arrogant and inconsiderate creatures, these felines.

But perhaps we can hardly blame them. A lot of them have plenty to contend with.

One young housewife knows the measure of how they can be neglected by human beings. She is a Mrs Gladys Davies, of Sheffield, in Great Britain.

For six mornings a week Mrs Davies lives among the inhabitants of Nos. 112-114 Gell Street, Sheffield, a hotel for lost cats.

Six mornings a week she distributes milk and meat, and strokes the felines, every movement watched by dozens of pairs of green eyes from behind wire net cages.

No prize for arrogance here! Fortune's cat sleeps next to Poverty's. And everyone, whether he condescends to show a contented face or not, is in the lap of luxury.

There is always someone to attend to their requirements. When Mrs Davies has finished, Mrs Amy Cooper steps in for the afternoon, and when she signs off, Mr Thomas Weston, who spends the day driving the hotel's "ambulance," takes up duty until 10 o'clock every night. Cats here are not all strays. At holiday times the "arrogant" moves in, in a big way—the shiny, black and white-mottled members of families who have boarded them out.

So in the summer months Gell Street's Cat Shelter becomes a holiday camp, and bookings have to be made early. No wonder regular bookers are made, too. Daily supplies of fresh milk—eight, 12, 18 pints a

day—food kept in refrigerators (bequeathed by a generous voluntary supporter) — open coke fires during the winter—and attention to variety in the diet. It is a good hotel.

And like any good hotelier, Mr Weston is wholly devoted to his job. Holidays to him are unheard of ("I could have one, but I don't want it"), and he is at work from 8.15 a.m. until 10 p.m. seven days a week. So it has been for the past 16 years.

INTEREST

"It's a job that grows on you," Mr Weston told me. "I was brought up with animals. My father and I used to look after brewery horses."

"But of all the jobs I've done, this is the best of the lot." It is a strange place, this two-houses-in-one—the property of one of Sheffield's most benevolent inhabitants, Miss Jane Barker, who does not live at 112-114 Gell Street but takes a keen interest in what goes on there.

The kitchen could be used for any residential establishment. The fridge, full of meat and milk, the sink full of feeding bowls to be scrubbed, and a restless parrot cussing an innish eye on every visitor—these features make it quite a home. And, of course, there is the resident Persian cat—haughty as you like—who is really the permanent master of the house.

Wife No. 1 Claims Film King's Fortune

'KORDA'S MILLIONS ARE MINE'

By James Mayo

PARIS. A WOMAN stepped out of the past . . . and revealed to me her plan to claim Sir Alexander Korda's fortune, believed to top £2,000,000.

Her name, Maria Firkas, first wife of the three-married film king who died recently.

"I consider I am his first and only love—and his only true wife," she told me. "Of course I have the right to the estate. I mean to defend my rights."

Maria and Sir Alexander were married in Budapest in 1919, and he divorced her in

California in 1930. She now claims that divorce is invalid.

For years this Hungarian beauty—silent screen star who once played Helen of Troy—has been living quietly in Paris.

"We shared each other, I shall claim that by Hungarian law, the law of my country, our marriage is still valid."

"Although I wouldn't know what to do with all that money, I intend to defend my rights."

Monsieur A. Menzer, her lawyer, said: "We will take the case to the courts if necessary."

M. Menzer added: "Moreover the Hungarian law governing marriages where the partners agree to pool belongings, as the Kordas did in 1919, provides that the survivor inherits the entire estate—100 per cent."

"Once he replied, 'It is to have more hold on you.'"

"In 1943 my husband was still making me sumptuous presents. One was a superb mink coat."

"There was a rather domineering, authoritarian side to Sandor's character. Domestically, he often behaved like an Eastern Pasha."

"After his second and third marriages he never ceased to keep an eye on me—behaving both wonderfully and domineeringly at the same time."

"Wherever I went in the world, the local London Films distributor met me with a car and paid my hotel bills."

Great Man

Maria, frequently weeping at the memory of "The man I never ceased to love," said: "The divorce between Sandor (the Hungarian form for Alexander) and I came when we were in Hollywood in 1930. I had made my greatest film there starring as Helen for Warner Brothers."

Jealous?

"Perhaps Sandor became a little jealous of me professionally."

"At any rate I didn't notice it because I was so busy in the studios, and when I came home I wanted to play with my little son Peter. He was born in Vienna in 1921."

"One day Sandor asked for a divorce from a Californian court and got it. But we continued to live together as in the past."

"In 1939 he married Marie Oberon, to whom I had introduced him."

"I tried several times to get Sandor to say why he had divorced me without explanation."

A BABY AT 2 HOURS' NOTICE

IT WAS A SHOCK FOR JUDY

By PETER BLOXHAM

I TALKED to the most remarkable woman in Britain—gay, attractive Mrs Judy Rudman, the wife who did not know she was having a baby until two hours before it was born.

In her arms, as we chatted at her home in Hove, Mrs Rudman fondled the baby that every mother in Britain will be talking about today: Vanessa Dierde, the baby no one was expecting.

Never guessing the significance of the extra inches she found herself putting on around waist and hips, she put herself on a rigid diet-and-exercise routine that reduced her weight by a stone in five months.

She broke all the rules they would have told her to follow at the pre-natal clinic—had she ever attended it.

Every morning, for half an hour, she did violent tummy-pummelling exercises.

The result? One of the easiest births the nursing-home staff had ever seen.

A perfectly contented 6 lb. 10 oz. baby to join the other Rudman daughters—Vivienne (16) and Valerie (11).

Took Exercises

This is how she broke all the rules ("My doctor would have had a fit," she laughed). She:

Never drank milk, but took lots of slimming lemon drinks—and sucked lemon slices between her salad-and-black-coffee meals;

Slipped and fell, awkwardly several times, during the half-hour exercises she did every morning for five months; Wore the same girdle she had always worn.

And she found that her figure (35-25-35) altered hardly at all. In fact at Christmas, a week before the baby was born, she was actually 14 lb. lighter than in August.

"I had never felt so fit in my life. And I never had a sleepless night."

Then Mrs Rudman outlines the strenuous programme that she tackled during Christmas week—just before little Vanessa's birth.

"It would have knocked out a horse," she laughed. "The doctors would have been appalled."

On Boxing Night, less than a week before the birth, her husband took her to a dinner dance in Brighton. For five hours, Judy Rudman rumbled and sambled, never missing a dance.

Bargain Sale

Every morning, she was up at 6.45 to prepare her family's breakfast. From nine to six, she was sleeping and bending over last-minute dress orders in her studio.

On the Thursday before New Year's Eve, she staggered home with a heavy box of green-ecroises that could not be delivered. Next day, she jostled for bargain purchases in a shop sale.

"The day it happened? I was shopping till one, and went to bed at midnight."

"Half an hour later I awoke with a start from a vivid dream. I had a strange unreal feeling—and a pain as if I was being cut in half."

"I thought it was indigestion, but the pains persisted."

"When my husband called the doctor, he said: 'Your wife is going to have a baby.' You could have felled us both."

"It seemed impossible. I think I told the doctor I didn't believe him, and they had to bundle me into the ambulance."

It was 12.45 when a surprised, reluctant Mrs Rudman reached the nursing-home. It was 2.30 when—considerably more surprised—she became a mother for the third time.

WORLD SQUASH

Easy First Round
Win For
Hashim Khan

London, Feb. 6. Hashim Khan, the brilliant Pakistani, who has dominated world squash rackets for more than five years, gained an easy first round victory in the Dunlop £2,500 Open Professional Squash Tournament which began at the Lansdowne Club, here today.

Hashim Khan, five-time Open Champion and recent winner of the American "Open" defeated Rex Hickey (Naval and Military) with the 1-0 of only 18 points 9-0, 9-1 and 9-1.

He showed that he has lost little of his skill, speed and accuracy. He is 41 years.

—France-Press.

"Little Mo" Turns
Professional

Chicago, Feb. 6. Maureen Connolly, brilliant American Tennis Champion, announced today that she is turning professional.

"Little Mo" gave up active playing after a riding accident in July, 1954, in which she was injured.

Miss Connolly turned professional by signing a contract as technical adviser for a Chicago sports equipment firm.

In 1953, Miss Connolly became the first woman to win in the same year, the French, American, Australian and Wimbledon Championships. —France-Press.

Corner Kick Expert

Sixteen-year-old Alan Gill has four times this season scored direct from a corner kick for St. Luke's Youth Club in the Mill Hill (Lanes) League. Each time it has been from the left corner flag.

Exhibition Tennis
At The HKCC
Tomorrow

Bob Perry, one of America's top Junior tennis stars, will play against the Hongkong ace, Ip Koon-hung, and Edwin Tsai, in exhibition matches at Chater Road tomorrow.

Perry, who hails from California, is on his way to the New Zealand National Championships. He is ranked number 25 in the world and was a reserve on the American Davis Cup team. He will face the Hongkong Champion, Ip, in the Singles, starting at 4 p.m., and then will team up with Tsai to play Ip and Edwin Tsai.

Brundage Calls Seventh
Winter Olympics A Model
Of Sportsmanship

Cortina, Italy, Feb. 6.

Avery Brundage, President of the International Olympic Committee, today hailed the VIIIth Winter Games as a model of sportsmanship, performance and organization.

"These Cortina Games showed the true Olympic spirit throughout," Brundage said. "They set a new high in sports organization and the standard of competition was better than it ever has been."

He made it clear that his praise for the Russians, who were the clear victors in their first venture into the Winter Games since Czarist days.

"You can take the last ice hockey game as an example," he said. "Hockey can be rough. But there the Russians and Canadians played a vital game without a single ugly incident."

Brundage cited the ski jumping yesterday, the closing event, as evidence of how the all-round standard of competition had improved during the past few years.

"Jumping used to be all Norway," he said. "But on

Goals Galore In
Ice Hockey
Exhibition

Zweibrücken, West Germany Feb. 6. Spectators lost count of the score when Canada's Olympic ice hockey team beat a Royal Canadian Air Force side here tonight in an exhibition match.

"Sixteen-five" said the announcer.

"Correct," agreed some. "Wrong, it's 15-7," said others.

So Canada's Olympic team counted up their goals for themselves and put paid to all arguments.

Period scores were 5-0, 5-1, 5-4, but that nine goal rush in the third period was too much for some. —China Mail Special.

ENTERED FOR GRAND NATIONAL



Pippikin—shown here with J. Power up—is an entry for the Grand National Steeplechase, to be run at Aintree, Liverpool, on March 24. He is an eight-year-old chestnut gelding owned by Mr. R. D. Darrogh and trained by S. Parker at Rhyll in North Wales.

Pippikin won the Longport Handicap Chase at Wolverhampton on December 27, 1955. He had been second to Much Obligated at Haydock Park on December 8. —Reuterphoto.

The Big Gamble For Two
Famous Footballers—
Alf Ramsey And Mercer

By ALAN HOBY

Two famous football names — Alf Ramsey and Joe Mercer — have had their first bitter-sweet taste this season of the most nerve-nagging job in soccer — club management.

Both, of course, were great England stars—Ramsey a classic full-back, Mercer a wonderful wing-half — before they risked the endless headaches of a manager's chair.

But there all similarity ends and in love with the game, they would swap social security for the uncertainty of a manager's job.

For in the few months Ramsey has been Ipswich boss, the goal-happy Third Division side have moved to the top like a runaway rocket.

Whereas, with Sheffield United, Joe's forthright Joe has found that it is a damned sight easier to get into the First Division cellar than get out of it.

That, however, is football management—a colossal gamble. If the luck is with you, you're the big hero. If it isn't, if the breaks are against you, you're just another armchair dummy with clay feet.

But Joe, being Joe, knows what he is doing. Like Ramsey, he is a strong character and he went to Sheffield with his eyes wide open.

Joe even cut himself adrift from his old life. He sold his grocery business, on Merseyside, and only a man heart and

BIGGEST PROBLEM

Joe's biggest problem with struggling Sheffield United is plugging inherited team weaknesses and finding the right type of player.

"You can't expect to build a good side within three or four years," he declares.

"Neither can you buy your way out of trouble. Money is not much good. Look where Arsenal are with all their money."

And Ramsey? When I called on Ipswich, Alf, Alf P. Colbold, Chairman of the Club Board, which includes four Old Etonians and one Old Harrovian, told me:

"As a famous player he commands the respect of the team. Indeed, I believe that in the next 10 years he will become one of the really great managers of our time."

Ramsey is the BOSS of Ipswich. He picks the team. He trains with the team. He tells the team what he wants done. He corrects their mistakes.

He is also, as much the cool, unflappable general off-field as he was on.

He has been known to drop four men simultaneously and put in a reserve quietly just for one game—in order that the regulars could be rested.

Finally, whatever the conditions—even if the opposition is kicking hell out of them—the Ramsey gospel is "Play football."

Luck? Of course, Alf has had luck. He has a fine board, and he has been bequeathed a good eleven and capable reserves by his predecessor, Ipswich secretary Scott Duncan.

What then of the future? Has success come too quickly for the ex-Spurs king? Will fame be followed by frustration?

I don't think so, but as Mercer says: "The difference between player and manager is that your troubles are multiplied. A player has only to think of himself and his team. The manager has to think of the lot."

ABILITY

Even if you owe managerial acumen and ability, there are factors in football which send managers howling for the asphirine—things like injuries, run of the ball, loss of form and so on.

They're all known it — the tension and trouble, the sweat and the strain.

And that includes Matt Busby, Cliff Britton, Stan Cullis, Joe Smith, Johnny Carey, Peter Docherty, Ralph Carter, Jimmy Seed—the whole glittering parade.

But if you are good—really good—sooner or later, you will break through.

That's why my money is on Ramsey's Ipswich to march back into the Second Division and Mercer's Sheffield to stay in the First Division. —London Express Service.

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RUGBY PREVIEW

England's Forwards
Can Romp To Victory

Says J. R. WATKINS

Have the British Lions had too much rugby? Is the present season something of an anti-climax after their successful tour of South Africa? Those questions, which must remain a mere talking point for rugby followers, are prompted by the actions of the selectors of England and Wales.

Out of the English side meeting Ireland at Twickenham on February 11 go Dick Jeeps and Phil Davies. Now four Lions—the two Englishmen plus Courtney Meredith and Russell Robins of Wales—have been dropped from their national teams.

The English changes were not altogether surprising after the failure of England's back division to capitalise the 75 per cent possession Eric Evans and his pack engineered for them in the Welsh match.

Altogether there are three English changes. Regan and Williams take over at half back from Smith and Jeeps, while Cannell will be in Davies's place at centre. Cannell has not been in the England side for three years. Before that he gained 14 caps.

A BREAK UP

Most anticipated a break up of the Jeeps-Smith half-back partnership. It was generally expected that the selectors would pair either Jeeps with Cannell or Williams with Smith. Instead they have paired up incompatibles.

Williams and Regan have played one and a half games together. They did not combine well at all. For while Regan likes a fast, accurate pass, Williams is not very accurate in his use of the ball. Smith—as a cricketer—could take those passes. Regan may not be able to take more than one in three, and may not be good enough against an Irish pack noted for quick-breaking.

LAST MINUTE

This may serve to encourage the forwards who did so well last time, and who have all been chosen again.

One could not quarrel with the selectors' decision to retain Peter Jackson, who came into the side against Wales after Woodward had to cry off at the last minute. Jackson did so well, that it was natural to leave him in.

The spirit and, if you like, the luck of the Irish, must not be overlooked. But despite lingering doubts about the halves, I feel confident that England, in front of her own crowd at Twickenham, can win this one.

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LONG DELAYED

SUCCESS

When Vic Keeble finished his National Service three years ago after appearing with success in the Army team Newcastle United paid Colchester United a five figure transfer fee for this local centre-forward. Vic has never clicked at Newcastle until recently, and in his last twelve games he has scored fifteen times for them.

Sports Diary

TODAY
Monthly Meeting of IBCAAA at Education Dept. 2.30 p.m.
TOMORROW
Lawn Bowls
Inter-Home Pairs presentation at CCC. 9 p.m.
Boxing Championships, 1st round at RSC House, 8 p.m.
Athletics
REMB Athletic Meet, at Boundary Street.
THURSDAY
IBCAAA Committee Meeting at Middles to Seamen, 7 p.m.

RUSSIAN SPORTS MINISTER SAYS

USSR Will Do Even
Better At Melbourne

Cortina, Italy, Feb. 6.

Russia's Sports Minister, delighted with his team's showing in the Winter Olympics, predicted today that the Soviet would do even better in Melbourne next November and said Russia may seek to be host in the 1964 Olympics.

Nikolai Romanov, Chairman of the Russian All-Union Sports Committee (and Soviet Sports Minister), said: "We came to Cortina expecting wins in events in which we were strong and to gain experience in the others. We did both."

"And we're going to be way out in front at the Summer Olympics in Melbourne."

The smiling, 45-year-old official said he was "satisfied" with Russia's performance in their first Winter Olympics. "But, in proportion, we're going to do even better at Melbourne," he said.

Mr Romanov said a big Russian contingent would travel to Australia, full-trained and prepared for the "biggest sports competition of all time."

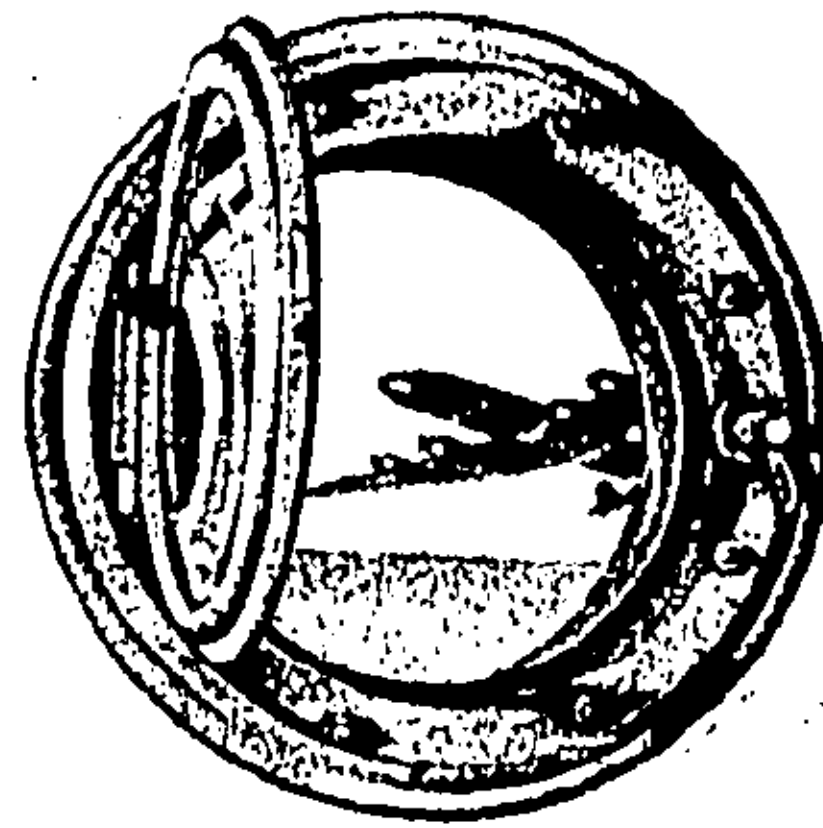
He said the Winter Olympics were a "tremendous success" in that they were organised brilliantly, helped boost athletic standards to "new heights" which would have been considered impossible years ago and "helped to demonstrate that the

friendship between East and West sportsmen and women, which started in a big way at Helsinki, has become even stronger."

"When you consider that there wasn't a single unpleasant incident through the games—even in a sport as rough as ice hockey—then you can realise the real value of these Games," he said.

"Sports is above politics and is increasingly building up a deep and sincere bond between us all."

Turning to actual performances at Cortina, Mr Romanov said he was "extremely impressed" by the Austrians and Swiss in skiing, the Americans in figure skating and the Scandinavians in Nordic skiing and speed skating. —United Press.



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AUSTRALIAN
RIVER DAM

Sydney, Feb. 6.

Work is underway on the foundations of a rock and earth filled dam spanning the Eucumbene River. The project, estimated to cost £A6,000,000 (£4,800,000), is part of the Snowy Mountains power scheme.

When complete, the dam will be one of the largest in the world and will hold back eight times more than is contained in Sydney Harbour.

Tenders for the main work on the dam will be called for in Australia, the United States, and Britain, and the winning contractor will be expected to begin work on the wall in July. At its base, the dam will be 2,250 feet wide, tapering to 40 feet at the crest, 380 feet up.

The New South Wales Public Works Department expects the world's leading engineering firms to tender for the contract estimated to take four years to complete. More than 600 men are at present working on the foundations for the Public Works Department in two ten-hour shifts per day.

Adaminaby Dam

The dam, which will hold back the waters of the swift-flowing Eucumbene River, one of the main tributaries of the Snowy River, will be known as the Adaminaby Dam. The water will be diverted westward through a 14-mile tunnel to the Tumut River.

From there, it will flow on over a 300-foot concrete arch dam, and down a two-mile pressure tunnel to turn the turbines at an underground power station with a capacity of 320,000 kilowatts.

In preparation for the Adaminaby Dam, the narrow Eucumbene River has been diverted along a short tunnel under one of the mountains. Meanwhile, bulldozers have stripped all soil from the mountain side on both sides of the wall site. For months, men have been cleaning the rock face. In many cases, the rock has been washed and scrubbed so that it is almost spotless, and ready to take the clay which will weld the rock and form the core of the dam wall.

One Of Seven

Across the now dry river valley down which the Eucumbene originally flowed, 9,500,000 cubic yards of clay and rock will be deposited to form the wall of the dam. Deep in the valley floor, giant machines carrying up to 15 tons of each each, are combining with bulldozers to put down the first foundation soil.

The dam across the Eucumbene River is only one of the seven major dams included in Australia's Snowy Mountains scheme.

One of the world's greatest development projects, it plans to capture and store the waters of the Snowy River, and turn them back through mountain tunnels to irrigate the rich western plains of southeast Australia. Some 85 miles of tunnels will carry off the water, which will travel along 400 miles of aqueducts and along hundreds of miles of "access roads."

In its travels, falling 2,000 feet through the mountains, it will turn the turbines of 17 power stations, most of them situated deep underground.

Three Shifts

Rapid progress is reported on sections of the project now underway. Since December 1954, of Kaiser-Walsh-Perini-Raymond group of American contractors have tunnelled more than two miles under a mountain to drain off the waters of the Eucumbene River.

Mining gangs working for this group, in 3 shifts per 24 hours for six days a week, have broken tunnelling records three times, finally establishing a performance of more than 400 feet a week. Working on a bonus system they are earning up to £A45 (£30 sterling) a week—with a basic wage of around £A12 (£9.12 sterling) a week.

The American contractors are now starting work on the 14-mile tunnel, to link Adaminaby Dam with the smaller Tumut Fords dam. For this, they are attacking on four faces, from either end of the projected tunnel, and through a shaft sunk near the centre, in either direction towards each end.

Keen competition among the gangs to turn in the best tunnelling figures for the week keeps them on the move.

Meanwhile, a group of French contractors, Etudes et Enterprises, has begun construction of the power station itself—China Mail Special.

Amsterdam
'Mounties'Rembrandt Year
In Holland
350TH ANNIVERSARY

The Hague, Feb. 6.

Holland is this year preparing to celebrate the 350th anniversary of the birth of one of its most famous painters, Rembrandt, with a series of unique artistic displays.

Two large exhibitions, claimed as the most extensive ever held of Rembrandt's works anywhere in the world, will be opened in Amsterdam and Rotterdam respectively.

The Rijksmuseum (State Museum) in Amsterdam hopes to be able to exhibit the greater part of the some 700 paintings and 270 etchings produced by the 17th century master. They will come from museums all over the world including London, New York, Paris, Berlin and the museum hopes, from Leningrad, where several of Rembrandt's works are exhibited.

Although Rembrandt spent all his life in Holland, unlike many painters of his time who were attracted to Italy, Dutch museums now possess only some 30 of his 700 paintings. But one of his most famous paintings, commonly called "The Night Watch," hangs in the Rijksmuseum where thousands of art lovers come to see it every year.

Exchange

At the same time the famous Boymans Museum in Rotterdam will be exhibiting most of the 2,000 drawings which Rembrandt produced during his 45 years of work.

These two exhibitions, with their paintings, drawings and etchings, worth millions of guilders, will open in May and continue until October. They will be exchanged between the two cities after four months in each.

Three other museums will honour the famous master of "light and shade" during this "Rembrandt year." The Leyden municipal Museum will show some of the painter's works and a large number of works by his contemporaries.

Attracts Thousands

The "Rembrandthuis" Museum in Amsterdam is collecting an exhibition of paintings, reproductions and photographs of works by Rembrandt and his contemporaries illustrating Amsterdam, as the Dutch master knew it in the 17th century. This exhibition will last six months from May 20.

The Teylers Museum in Haarlem, Northern Holland, will close the Rembrandt commemoration with another exhibition of etchings and drawings lasting until March 1957.

Press Room

Six years later, finding Leyden too small, he went again to Amsterdam, then the artistic and cultural centre of the Netherlands and where he won fame.

The Rembrandthuis, in which one of the exhibitions will be held this year, was the painter's own house when he was at the height of his success and prosperity. It is a stately 17th century building, with a spiral staircase, beamed ceiling and while the floor in the spacious hall, leading off from the hall is the "Press room," where an original press for etchings stands, and where exhibitions illustrating different facets of Rembrandt's varied works are held.

To the left of the hall is the "Seydelkamer," a large room with a tiled floor, a large Dutch chimneypiece and high, leaded glass windows. This room also houses a selection of Rembrandt's most important etchings.

Upstairs, the artist's "Large" and "Small" painting rooms have been joined to make one exhibition gallery where more of his works are displayed.

Bankrupt

Rembrandt moved into the house five years after his marriage to Saskia van Uylenburgh in 1634. But the house seems to have brought him ill fortune for financial difficulties beset him almost immediately, and a little less than three years later, his wife died.

His paintings after her death became more monumental and profound while at the same time, wistful and nostalgic. During this period, he turned to the Bible for inspiration and painted such masterpieces as "The Disciples of Emmaus" and "Christ Healing the Sick."

But by 1659, with his last financial resources used up, Rembrandt was declared bankrupt, and his house, goods and valuable art collection sold. He continued to paint until the end, though his work became less and less frequent. Eight years after his bankruptcy, his mistress, and favourite model, Hendrickje Stoffels, died, followed four years later by his son Titus.

A Monument

Rembrandt and his daughter Cornelia lived in bitter poverty for the next five years until the painter's death.

Despite the tragic circumstances of his death, his works remain a monument to his life, and thousands of art lovers, both from Holland and abroad, are expected to visit the exhibitions this year to pay tribute to one of the world's greatest painters. —China Mail Special.

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Thailand, Burma, India, 6 p.m.
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Macao, 6 p.m.
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11
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China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
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For the first time in the history of the Amsterdam police force several of its women members are to use horses in the course of their duties. Pictured are two of the policewomen who will in future be seen on horse-back.—Express Photo.

Thief Boasts
Of 151
Escapes

Istanbul, Feb. 6.

A convicted thief, Shahabettin Firat, who holds the Turkish underworld record for escapes from custody, boasted to the press after being caught for the 151st time that he would escape again soon and go to Europe.

He said he would take his sweetheart with him on his European trip.

Firat has numerous convictions for boarding lorries, Anatolian highways and throwing goods out onto the road to be picked up by an accomplice following in a car.—China Mail Special.

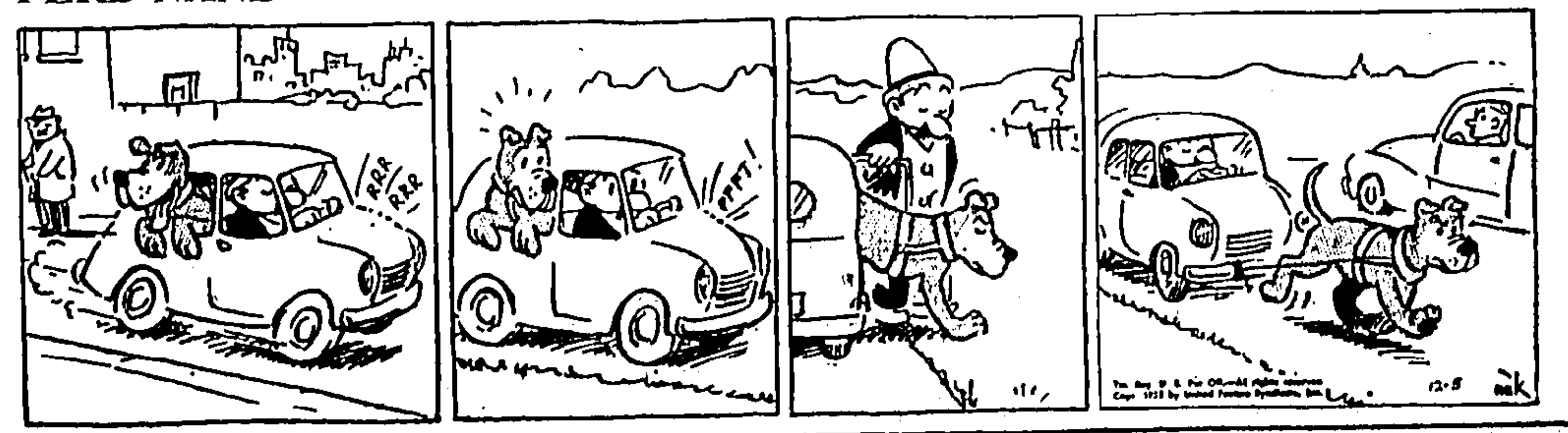
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IT is risky for a man to go drinking with his subconscious self, as a pleasant young man named Robin discovered the other night.

Robin had an appointment at a hospital. He had to have five stitches removed, for his head had been sewn up to that extent after an injury.

He mounted his bicycle and rode off to the hospital to keep the appointment. Arrived there, he leaned his machine against the hospital wall and went inside. When the stitches had been removed, Robin left.

THE MISSING BIKE
HE did not feel too good when he got outside. He stumbled and fell, and his wound began to bleed. He crawled back into the hospital, feeling rather the worse for wear. The hospital tidied him up.

Robin set off again. This time he felt better until he reached the place where he had left his bicycle. Then he felt awful. For there was no bicycle there.

He stood for a moment away, regarding the blank wall against which he had leaned his much-loved machine. Then, much strength, he lurched towards an adjacent public house, where he ordered a glass of stout.

PROMPTINGS
AFTER a glass or two, Robin felt a little stronger. But now his subconscious self was beginning to put on the pressure. "You've been robbed, robbed, robbed," Robin's subconscious self reminded him. "You're not going to take this lying down, are you?"

Robin tried not to listen. "Are you an Irishman, going to let us be robbed by these English?" Robin's subconscious self challenged.

Robin gave in. He flushed his latest glass and left the inn. He found his way to a police station, and surveyed the officer on duty with a wavering, watery eye. "My bike," he said. "It's gone."

He was arrested for being drunk and incapable.

A POLICEMAN KNOWS
A policeman next morning told Robin that he was not guilty to the charge. The police told the story to the magistrate, Mr. T. F. Davis.

Robin went into the witness-box. "If a man's subconscious mind is in control all the time," he said, "and mine was, because after I'd been to the police station to report about the bicycle..."

"Don't you deceive yourself," said the magistrate. "You can't use all the psychological phrases, but a policeman knows a drunken man when he sees one."

"But I wasn't drunk. My subconscious mind was in perfect control. It was just I'd lost a lot of blood, and I took a drink to strengthen me and make me up."

KEEP OFF DRINK
"SO you were drunk," said the magistrate. "If you're not feeling right, a drink can knock you right over. You seem to think you have to be unconscious to be drunk."

"My subconscious," Robin began. "If a man's subconscious..."

"Well, you keep off the drink when you're not feeling well," said the magistrate. "This time I'll give you an absolute discharge."

Robin stood for a moment as if he had more to say. Then he suddenly turned and let out as if his subconscious had whispered "Be off."

FIRE ABOARD
CARGO SHIP

London, Feb. 6.
Fire broke out aboard a Danish cargo ship bound for New York today. Five passengers and most of the 35 crewmen fled to the sea in lifeboats before it was brought under control.

The 4,025-ton *Paraguay*, out of Copenhagen, radioed an SOS from 60 miles off the Scottish coast of Lewis. It said the blaze broke out inside the funnel and threatened to spread.

A British naval frigate, fishing vessel and a Royal Air Force air-sea rescue plane raced to aid the distressed ship, but its own firefighting teams brought the flames under control before help arrived.—United Press.

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OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

Wharfies' Strike
A Hard Case
To Handle

FROM H. KING WOOD

Sydney, Jan. 31.
Industry has been taking in its belt this week, pessimistically convinced that a long and costly wharf strike stretches it. A lot of people had hopes that there would be settlement moves last week but now feel that "the point of no return" has been reached.

The 27,000 wharf labourers throughout Australia are, without doubt, prepared for a long battle, and while the Waterside Workers' Federation might be Red-dominated, the members themselves are determined about this strike.

And they have a considerable amount of strength on their side, being backed as they are by the Australian Council of Trade Unions, an organisation which doesn't often give its support to national strikes.

This is one of the reasons why the Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies, and the Minister for Labour, Mr. Holt, are going slow. They know the wharfies have a case on wages and it is going to be a hard case to handle if the ACTU stays on side.

This industry is a bad one completely made up of casual labour, and the drastic changes recommended sometime ago by Judge Foster will eventually have to come about, whether the Union likes them or not.

Meanwhile, the first week of the strikes has cost well over £1 million, according to experts, and each week it continues is likely to be more costly.

STATE LOANS

The Australian Loan Council meets in Canberra tomorrow to review the loan programmes of the States and the various State Premiers are, at the moment, getting out of pigeon holes notes on those little choice sayings which they reserve for the Loan Council.

(The Australian Loan Council is made up of the Prime Minister, the Federal Treasurer and the Premier of each State.) It is reported that NSW's Mr. Cahill is cooking up a particularly nice line in demands and is likely to make himself the prime nuisance at the meeting.

But Mr. Menzies, who is becoming used to the political rages of Mr. Cahill, is almost certain to demand cuts in State works. He will point out that the Commonwealth recently cut its programme by 10 per cent and the States must do the same.

Mr. Cahill is going to complain bitterly about this. At present he has £40 million worth of unfinished public works, and with a State election coming up in the next few weeks he will want some of these works under way for propaganda purposes.

At the moment he has under construction seven dams and flood control works, two big hospitals and, of course, the never ending Eastern Suburbs railway.

DISTINGUISHED GUEST

Lt-Commander Norman Douglas Holbrook, VC, who is now living in New Zealand, will visit Australia in March and will go to Hobart, Shire—an area to which he gave his name many years ago.

It was in 1914 that the residents of the south-western town of Germanton were arguing about the choice of a name for their new shire.

At that time the deeds of a daring young naval lieutenant were in the headlines, so the suggestion was made that the new shire should be named Holbrook—and it was adopted.

Lt-Commander Holbrook, now over 60, will be the guest of the Shire President Mr. John Ross, during his visit.

The shire will give him a public reception.

NEW HP GIANT

Great Universal Stores Ltd.—"Gussies"—England's retail and hire purchase giant, is coming to Australia to join in the chain store battle.

Legal formalities to protect the name have been taken and an Australian company is expected to be registered soon.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"He isn't even eating with his homework! Where did I put that fever thermometer?"

TENGKU RAHMAN
GIVES DAILY WORKER
AN INTERVIEW

London, Feb. 6.

The Communist Daily Worker today splashed on its front page an interview given by Tengku Abdul Rahman, Malaya's Chief Minister to Mr Arthur Clegg, the paper's foreign editor.

Mr Clegg, who was refused permission by the British government to go to Malaya in 1953, says the Tengku told him that "now he had the authority in such matters and the Daily Worker would now be allowed to send a correspondent to Malaya."

The interview, which is interspersed with comments like "the Tengku was at times a little contradictory," appears beneath a double banner line "Daily Worker foreign editor interviews Abdul Rahman: Malaya wins demands."

Mr Clegg says the interview lasted 90 minutes. He quotes Tengku Rahman as saying: "The task before me is to build up my nation, not to destroy Communism."

Later, Clegg declared, Tengku Rahman "paid a tribute to Chin Peng, 'China Peng is honest' as he declared."

HIS DREAM
The Tengku is also quoted as saying he had become Minister of Defence. "Internal administration is now absolutely in our hands. My dream is to make Malaya an abode of happiness and peace for all who live there."

"I have never attacked Communists" is another quote. When Clegg returned to the subject of the campaign against Chin Peng, he wrote, Tengku Rahman "went back to the unconditional surrender position," saying "I would be willing to meet them (the Communists) again but they must surrender unconditionally."

He was ready to end the emergency regulations, Clegg said, but demanded of the Communists that they prove themselves good citizens of Malaya if they want to stay here. To make them a legal party, however, would be wrong.—Reuter.

Mono-Rail For
Britain

Cologne, Feb. 6.

The Alweg Research Company is in contact with the British Government about a project to run a high-speed mono-rail service from London's central air terminal to London airport, a company spokesman said today.

He said the company was conducting studies and surveys which might lead to the construction of a mono-rail service to rush passengers and freight to and from the airport, but declined to go into details.

A group of industrialists was reported last week to have given the British Ministry of Transport a detailed memorandum, advocating the Alweg system which it is claimed could carry passengers at a speed of 150 miles an hour.—China Mail Special.

Declare War On
Sacred Cows

Patana, India, Feb. 6.
Seventeen thousand peasants in this Northern India district have declared war on a ravaging herd of sacred cows.

More than 1,000 of the usually docile cattle have been roaming the forests and raiding farm plots by night for years. The peasants are now up in arms.

They formed a 21-man committee to press for liquidation of "God's herd." They threatened the State with refusal to pay rent for their land if something were not done.—United Press.

'WHODUNIT'
WRITER DIES

Sydney, Feb. 7.
Max Murray, 65, Australian writer of "Whodunit" novels, died at his Sydney home yesterday. He wrote 13 volumes in the "Corpus" series. One was filmed in Hollywood.

Mr Murray was formerly a journalist. He is survived by his wife, the novelist Mayne Grier.—United Press.

Man Ordered
Mental
Examination

A young man, Wong Kuen, who appealed against his sentence for wounding his girl friend was remanded this morning by the Full Court for 14 days to undergo mental examination.

Wong was given four years and eight strokes by District Judge Reynolds last December. He had no previous convictions.

The Full Court, comprising the Acting Chief Justice, Mr Justice J.H. Gregg, and Mr Justice J. Wicks, dismissed six other appeals—five against sentence and one against conviction—and allowed one appeal against sentence.

The successful appellant was 20-year-old Wong Tui-shing, who asked for a reduction of his sentence of three years and six strokes passed by District Judge Charles last November for robbery with aggravation.

Wong said this was his first offence, but later admitted that he had a previous conviction. The Court noted that he had assisted the Police to recover the property which he and two others had taken.

They reduced his prison term by a year, but refused Wong's further request to be sent to a reformatory. He was too old.

NO MERIT

The appeal against conviction was brought by Tan Sun and Liu Hok-nin who were found guilty of robbery with aggravation by District Judge Reynolds last November.

Tan received five years and 12 strokes and Liu received four years and ten strokes for robbing a woman of a wrist watch.

The Full Court refused an application made by Liu to call a witness and found no merit in either man's appeal.

In the appeal brought by Chau Kwan, nicknamed "Black Boy Chan," the Court noted that he had five previous convictions and had only been in Hongkong for two years.

"You must have been in prison most of the time," Mr Justice Gregg remarked. "That is correct," replied the appellant.

The Court refused to reduce his latest sentence of five years and 12 strokes passed by District Judge Charles last December for robbery with aggravation.

Other appeals refused were those by Wan Po, with five previous convictions, who was given four years by Judge Charles in November for robbing a woman of a wrist watch; Lou Wei, with eight previous convictions, who was given three years in December by Judge Charles for cutting the pocket of a woman at a bus stop—he said it was "only a petty crime"; and Li Cheuk, alias Wong Mun, alias "Big Head Mun," with two previous convictions who was given four years and eight strokes by Judge Reynolds for robbing a woman last December.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T.
9 p.m., Time Signal and Programmes: 9.00, Stock Market Report; 9.05, of the Trade Winds; Harry Owens and his Royal Hawaiian; 9.30, Adventure in Music; 9.40, Programmes for "Students of Music of all Ages"; 9.45, Music for Children by Bela Bartok; 9.50, Weather Report; 9.55, Time Signal and News (London Relay); 10.00, Commentary (London Relay); 10.05, Special Announcements; 10.10, Programmes presented by Alex Harris (Studio); 10.15, The Radio Club introduced by Maxwell Knight; 10.20, International Musical Notebook; 10.25, Musical Notebook; 10.30, presented by the Rev. Father; 10.35, Time Signal, BBC (Recorded); 10.40, Programmes in "Hello, Playmates" (BBC); 10.45, Musical Magazine; 10.50, Monthly Magazine; 10.55, introduced by Timothy Birch (Recorded); 11.00, Morning Studio presented by Anna Morgan; 11.05, News; 11.10, Circuit; 11.15, Elected by Eileen Trevor from the Novel by Simon Ratnay; 11.20, Elected by Eileen Trevor; 11.25, Elected by Eileen Trevor; 11.30, Elected by Eileen Trevor; 11.35, Elected by Eileen Trevor; 11.40, Elected by Eileen Trevor; 11.45, Elected by Eileen Trevor; 11.50, Elected by Eileen Trevor; 11.55, Elected by Eileen Trevor; 12.00, Elected by Eileen Trevor; 12.05, Elected by Eileen Trevor; 12.10, Elected by Eileen Trevor; 12.15, Elected by Eileen Trevor; 12.20, Elected by Eileen Trevor; 12.25, Elected by Eileen Trevor; 12.30, Elected by Eileen Trevor; 12.35, Elected by Eileen Trevor; 12.40, Elected by Eileen Trevor; 12.45, Elected by Eileen Trevor; 12.50, Elected by Eileen Trevor; 12.55, Elected by Eileen Trevor; 1.00, Elected by Eileen Trevor; 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